

Board of Selectman Minutes  
June 21, 2018 at 7:30pm  
Town Hall Meeting Room

**Attendance:** First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Brian Gordon, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Call to order** – First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Ellen McCormick
- 3- Selectman Grozinger moved to add the following agenda item:  
Discussion/decision to extend the time of the Bisceglie Field lights from 9:45 pm to the end of the district games on the dates of June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Gordon seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- Selectman Grozinger moved to add the following agenda item:  
“Discussion/decision regarding an update from Animal Control Officer in regards to the coyote situation in town.” Selectman Gordon seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding an update from Animal Control Officer in regards to the coyote situation in town.** Mr. Harper spoke about controlling the amount of coyotes in town. He stated he will prepare a map, documentation and tools necessary to get this problem under

control. First Selectman Spaulding asked Mr. Harper if he can get us a month by month breakdown of calls about coyotes. Mr. Harper also stated he is in touch with DEEP regularly during the year regarding coyote issues.

Mr. Harper explained that he will aim for end of July, beginning of August to present to the BOS data about coyotes. Weston Resident Peter Ottomono asked about the coyote problem at the transfer station property explaining there is a large population of coyotes behind his house in the transfer station location. Mr. Harper said he is aware of this situation and reminded all residents that in general, early morning and dusk are dangerous times to let your dog out alone.

- 6- **Reappointment of Lynne Barrelle as Town Historian for a term to end June 30, 2020:** Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint Lynn Barrelle as Town Historian for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7- **Reappointment of Rone Baldwin to the Insurance Advisory Commission for a term to end June 30, 2020:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Rone Baldwin to the Insurance Advisory Commission for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8- **Update from the Arts Commission** – Cindy Armijo and Paul Levin provided the update on behalf of the Arts Commission. Ms. Armijo explained that the purpose of the Commission is to bring art and music to the town of Weston. She stated one of their goals is to have an arts and culture calendar for the whole town. Ms. Armijo said they have been inviting other town entities to their meetings so they can all work collaboratively. Ms. Armijo also went over the expenses for each of their events. Ms. Armijo and Mr. Levin highlighted some of their successful events such as Kindness rocks event and movie under the stars which has been running since 2010 on Labor Day weekend. Ms. Armijo stated they aim to have events for kids, teens, seniors, families and even dances for singles.

- 9- **Discussion/decision to call a special town meeting for purpose of determining the following question: “ Shall the Town of Weston lease to the Friends of Lachat, Inc, a two story residential structure at the Lachat Town Farm in accordance with the terms of a lease agreement reviewed by the Town Attorney and made available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Weston website?”**

Selectman Grozinger explained Lachat Town Farm wants to have a farmer that takes care of property and in return, live in the farmhouse. Mr. Grozinger continues to work on the lease with representatives of the Friends of Lachat, Inc. Mr. Luiz said he is hoping for a special BOS Meeting to approve the lease. He said the earliest date for a Special Town Meeting could be July 5<sup>th</sup> or latest July 19<sup>th</sup>. No Motion was made.

- 10- **Acceptance of Suzanne Friedman’s resignation as Social Services Program Assistant effective June 15, 2018.** Selectman Gordon moved to accept Suzanne Friedman’s resignation as Social Services Program Assistant effective June 15, 2018. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- **Acceptance of Ellen Jones’ resignation as Assistant Town Clerk effective Aug 31, 2018.** Selectman Gordon moved to accept Ellen Jones’ resignation as Assistant Town Clerk effective Aug 31, 2018. Selectman Grozinger seconded. First Selectman Spaulding added that Ellen is retiring after being a long time servant to the town. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **2018 Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program Application:** Mr. Luiz stated he visited the Coley Cemetery with Karin Giannitti from the Beautification Committee last year. They both saw that there were headstones which were possibly vandalized. Mr. Luiz stated there is a grant for up to \$2,000 that could be used for headstone repairs and cemetery care. Selectman Gordon moved that First Selectman Christopher Spaulding is authorized to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town of

Weston, a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account, and that First Selectman Spaulding is authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain said grant should the Town of Weston be selected for a grant award. Selectman Grozinger seconded Motion carried unanimously.

- 13- **Minutes approval – 6/7/18.** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the June 7, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**14- First Selectman Update**

- a) **Residential Property Tax Credit** : Mr. Spaulding spoke about the state's legislative attempts to maneuver around the federal tax legislation that limits property tax deductions. He said that the Town Attorney is in the process of evaluating the legality of municipalities reducing property tax bill amounts in consideration of donations made to the Town.

- 15- **Discussion/decision to extend the time of the Bisceglie Field lights from 9:45 to the end of the district games on the dates of June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>**- Mark Cariuto, president of Weston Little League, explained the District tournament games are being hosted by Weston at Bisceglie Park. He explained that since some games start at 7:30 pm, they might end later than 9:30 pm, which is the agreed upon time to shut the lights off according to the MOU. Mr. Cariuto added that there are many benefits to hosting these games, such as drawing people to Weston from other towns, bringing more business to The Lunch Box, Weston Service Center and Peter's Market. Mr. Luiz added that according to Dave Ungar, the residents that live next to the park are ok with granting the light extension only for June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Gordon moved to extend the period the lights will be on at Bisceglie Field on June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> until 10:15pm. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 16- **Executive Session to discuss potential purchase of real estate.** At 8:23pm First Selectman Spaulding invited Mr. Luiz to join the executive session.

First Selectman Spaulding also told the public there will be no vote.  
Selectman Gordon moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into executive session with the Town Administrator for purpose of discussing potential purchase of real estate. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 17- The BOS exited executive session at 8:46 pm. Then, Selectman Grozinger motioned and Selectman Gordon seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 8:47 pm.

Minutes taken by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: July 5, 2018